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Dear Joshua,

Needless to say, I was very pleased to have your letter, especially as it carries the news that you may be able to spend some time here next year. I hope your plan will materialise! We would be very anxious to see you and Esther again. Try to make a reality of it.

Unfortunately I am unable to give you really good advice about Fachinelli. I have simply never heard his name; ~~as~~ since Maccacaro had some troubles with Checcacci and left him, I have been more or less out of touch of him and am <sup>not</sup> in a position to find out anything definite about this chap. ~~Whence therefore~~ your solution No. 3 (postponement until next year) is probably inadequate also for the student in question; if he has had a scholarship for this year. Probably solution No. 2 might be advisable; it is always good to encourage bacterial genetics; but would he be able to do anything there? I suppose he would need some guidance at least at the beginning, and am not so sure that he could find much there. I am sorry to be so little helpful; I could do better if there were no haste. In any case, you might consider it useful to take no chance on the issue and decide for solution No. 1 (simple regrets).

It was gratifying to hear the news about Newton. I too am sharing my time between bacteria and men; with ~~some~~ Rockefeller support I have started some work on human genetics in Parma, but it is still going slowly and I can spend there only a small fraction of the week, for lack of adequate funds. At least once a week I realise I should write to Larry; will you please give my apologies for having still kept this at the stage of intentions? I hope to spend a fortnight (= two weeks, please pardon this English expression) in England, end of May, essentially to lecture in Cambridge. I had a vague plan to spend two or three months in the States, with the pretext of Cold Spring Harbor Symposium, but have given it up. It is still difficult to leave here for long periods.

Yours ever,

*Lucia*